

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An alignment tool for positioning the tip of a cutting tool of a spindle-driven shaping machine is provided with means for accurately and repeatedly locating a cutting tool plane of motion of any angle with respect to the shaping machine's orientation in space, means for positioning the center of gravity of the alignment tool to a desired location and means for indicating a plurality of parallel cutting planes in which the cutting tool may be located. The alignment tool affords more accurate placement of the shaping machine cutter with greater ease of use than similar tools of the prior art.